



The Parish of St Francis Xavier's
St Francis Xavier's & St Anthony's Churches

Sunday 10th September 2023 23rd Sunday of the Year

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Mass Times at St Francis Xavier's

Monday	10:00am Mass
Tuesday	10:00am Mass
Wednesday	10:00am Mass
Thursday	10:00am Mass 7:00pm Novena
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Friday	10:00am Mass
Saturday	10:00am Mass 6:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	10:00am Mass 12:00pm Mass 1:30pm Polish Mass 7:00pm Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday	9:00-10:00am
Wednesday	9:00-10:00am

Rosary after 10am Mass Monday-Thursday, and Saturday.

Divine Mercy after 10 am Mass, Friday.

Morning Prayer 9:30am Monday-Saturday

Confessions

Thursday	7:20-7:50pm
Saturday	10:30-11:45am and 5:45-6:15pm

Mass Times at St Anthony's

Monday	09:30am Mass
Tuesday	09:30am Mass
Wednesday	09:30am Mass
Friday	09:30am Mass
Sunday	11:00am Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 8:30-9:30am

Rosary 9am on Monday.

Saints of the Week and Feast Days

Monday- Dedication of the Cathedral
Tuesday- The Most Holy Name of Mary
Wednesday- St John Chrysostom
Thursday- The Exaltation of The Holy Cross
Friday- Our Lady of Sorrows
Saturday- St Ninian

Thank you for your generosity the offertory collection last Sunday was £1909.

In your prayers, please continue to remember all our sick and housebound, not forgetting carers and family members who look after them.

Today Sunday marks the beginning of vocations Awareness Week. We are

encouraged to pray and offer sacrifices for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially from our own parishes.

This Sunday after 10am Mass cheeseburgers and rolls on sausage will be served.

Pilgrimage to Carfin A word of thanks to all the parishioners, especially the union of Catholic Mother (UCM) members who travelled to Carfin last Sunday for the National Pilgrimage. We were blessed with wonderful weather and a very prayerful Holy Mass.

Next weekend the second collection will be for Fr Michael's presentation, in thanks for his year working in our parish.

Welcome to Eireann Frances Heeps who was baptized last weekend and congratulations to her parents and family.

Schola of St Kentigern which will be a Choir based in the parish and responsible for the music at the 12 Noon Solemn Mass on Sundays. The Schola will provide music at liturgical services throughout the parish, with a particular focus on Gregorian Chant and Sacred Polyphony. We are looking for a range of voices to join the Schola. You do not need prior experience in sacred music to join, but please note that an informal audition may be necessary for us to better understand your voice range. A meeting will take place following the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday 10 September 2023 in the Parish Hall. Should you wish to register your interest, please contact Jamie and Emma McGowan at scholakentigerni@outlook.com

Union of Catholic Mothers- we had a beautiful Mass to open the new session, and initiated 3 new members into the UCM.

The existing Senior Youth Group started last Thursday 7th September for all children in S1-3. Sign up using the QR

code on the posters in the porch.

ALPHA/RCIA Thinking of becoming a Catholic? Join us this on Tuesday the 12th September at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's Sacristy for a light bite, friendship, and faith discovery. We're excited to be launching a new RCIA course that we think will help you connect with God, know His love for you, and help you live the faith through His Church. For more information or to sign up please contact the Parish office on office.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk.

Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate

Douglas Robertson, who is studying for the Permanent Diaconate and had his parish placement here at St Francis Xavier last year, will be ordained in St. Michael's RC Church, Linlithgow at 10:00 am on Saturday 16th September, by Archbishop Leo Cushley. Douglas is very grateful for the help and support he received from many parishioners at St Francis Xavier and would be delighted if they could join him at his ordination.

Calling all quizzers!! We are hosting a quiz night to fundraise for our St Francis youth group (FXYG). This will be held at St Francis chapel hall on September 30th starting at 7pm and its BYOB. Tickets are £5 each or £20 family maximum and tickets will be available to buy at each Mass next weekend 17th September or through Eventbrite. Thank you!
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/715891188817?aff=oddttdcreator>

Bible Study Group restarted last Tuesday in the meeting room at St Francis Xavier's Hall from 7:30-8:30pm. Everyone very welcome.

SPRED starts this Wednesday 13th September. If anyone would like more information, please contact Jennifer Lightfoot 07946 538958.

Save the date!! MacMillan coffee morning at St Anthony's church hall on Sunday 24th September, after 11am mass. Donations of home baking welcome. This is always well supported, and we look forward to welcoming you and raising funds for MacMillan Cancer.

To celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on Friday 15th September the Legion of Mary will be facilitating a "Light a candle, say a prayer" experience where our brothers/sisters in the Falkirk community will be invited into the church to light a candle for a loved one or a special intention, between 11 am and 1pm.

Infant Baptism All enquiries about infant Baptism should be emailed to baptism.stfrancisfalkirk@staned.org.uk

St Francis Xavier Credit Union will hold its AGM in the Church Hall this Sunday 10th September at 2pm. This is a very important moment for the credit union, and we need as many members as possible to attend.

Glasgow Central Station 5th October.

Tour starts at 11am. 1. Make your own way to Glasgow Central Station 15 mins before start time 2. Wear sensible footwear, no high heels. 3 Tour lasts approx. two hours. 4. Walking for about one hour including stairs and inclines. 5. Safety helmets and high viz jackets are provided and must be worn. 6. Payment of £15 per person must be made on booking. For further info contact Neil 07718625511/637937"

Bible Alive October edition – has arrived. Only costs £1 – place money in St Francis Xavier's CTS box or St Anthony's piety shop.

The loss of a loved one through separation, divorce, or death, is one of life's most traumatic experience. The Beginning Experience would like to help. A weekend away for a lifetime of change to be held at Conforti Centre, Coatbridge, 29th September-1st October 2023. For further details phone: Louise on 07926571004 or email louise398@gmail.com

The Archdiocesan Events Diary for 2023-2024 is available in both porches. The diary gives details of events and dates for the different meetings/training days/pilgrimages, etc. The diary is also available on our Facebook page.

National Pilgrimage for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on Sunday 17 September from 12.30 – 6pm at St Patrick's, Cowgate, Edinburgh. Further details are on the notice boards.

Free2Pray The Scottish Parliament is considering a proposed Bill to ban peaceful prayers and offers of help near abortion clinics in Scotland. Join a webinar titled 'Free2Pray' to find out what you can do to make your voice heard. It takes place on Tuesday 3 October at 7:45pm and is organised by the Scottish Catholic Parliamentary Office. Register at bit.ly/free2pray

A View from Within Those with experience of what life is like inside Scotland's prisons – including prison chaplains – share their stories at this free event to mark Prisoners' Week. It takes place on Saturday 7 October from 10:00am- 3:30pm at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Details and registration at bit.ly/aviewfromwithin

Teams of Our Lady Teams is a worldwide lay movement within the Catholic Church that aims to help married couples grow in their love of Christ and each other, recognising that Christian marriage is a precious gift that we need to nurture. Teams consist of four to six couples and a spiritual counsellor, often a priest, who meet roughly once a month in each other's homes becoming, over time, a strong supportive group. If you would like to find out more there will be an open information evening on Tuesday 10 October, 6:30pm-7:30pm in Ss John Cantius & Nicholas church hall, Broxburn, EH52 5RJ.

The Season of Creation is an annual global movement where Christian communities pray and act to care for God's creation. It began on the 1st September, The World Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends on the feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4th October. On Saturday 23rd September we are holding our own celebration of our planet earth in St Francis Xavier's Church at midday, to which you are all invited.

Laudato Si Appeal: We are looking for any musical instruments gathering dust! Asylum seekers here in Falkirk will dust them down and bring them back to life! Small instruments can be placed in the boxes provided in the porches of both churches. Larger instruments can be picked up by Karen Blackwood of Hope Community Church on 07539 104230

The Angelus Prayer

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word. Hail Mary...

V. And the Word was made flesh,

R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your Grace into our hearts; that as the incarnation of Christ Your Son was made known by the message of an angel, so by His passion and cross, we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. We ask this through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Anniversaries: Mariamma Koshy, Margaret Maguire, Sarah Anne Waclawska, James Cuthill, Flora McHardy, Agnes Cogans, James McCabe (Jnr), Patrick McGeehan, John Nutley, Gerard Ward, Margaret Silcock, Agnes Auan, Charles Donnelly, Andrew Young, Thomas Mackerel, Harry McCue, Margaret Harris, William Hart, Nancy McIntyre, Felix Coleman, Lily Kotrys, Elvira Pawlyk, Maria McGleave, Marion Heeps, Kathleen Miller, David Blackhall, Joseph Hendren, Theo Lumsden, James McKenna, Jim McGlynn, Patrick McKay, Norah McKay, John Nutley, James Aitken, Fr John Hooper O.F.M, Charles Crossan. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen.

Paul H. O'Connor Funeralcare 13b High Street, Bonnybridge, FK4 1BX, have very kindly sponsored the Newsletter for the month of September.



